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Tues 7:19 AM

Worcester, MA

3 minute duration

Circular with hood on top

Brilliant Silver-White Lights flickered on/off.

Went NW.

DOGS REACTED

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Woman Says Flying Saucer Hovered Over W-G Plant

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Florence L. Dion of 6 Gold St. is having trouble finding anyone who will listen to her.

She called the police, who, she said, told her to call the airport. She called the airport, but was told that there was no radar at the airport. Airport personnel suggested that she call the newspaper, she said.

Mrs. Dion told The Evening Gazette that at exactly 7:19 a.m. Tuesday, she saw a flying saucer hovering beneath a cloud bank over the Wyman-Gordon Co. plant, 105 Madison St.

Mrs. Dion said she was alerted to the presence of the flying saucer by her dogs, who suddenly started howling and scratching at the door. She said that one of the dogs howls whenever it hears high pitched sounds. She said she saw the flying saucer when she stepped onto her porch to see what was causing the disturbance.

She said she watched the flying saucer for about three minutes before it flew off to the northwest and out of sight.

Lights Flickered

"It was circular and had some kind of hood on top," she said. "On the outside rim, there were the most brilliant silver-white lights flickering on and off."

She said she could not estimate either the size or the color of the flying saucer because it was too high.

"It took off while I was standing on the porch and it went off to the northwest," she said. "It just seemed to streak across the sky like a bolt of lightning. There was a crane working down there and the crane was going beep-beep-beep. But this thing had a sound of its own, sort of a wee-oh, wee-oh, wee-oh, wee-oh."

Mrs. Dion said Tuesday's flying saucer was not the first she had seen. She said she once saw a flying saucer hovering over the Mechanics Tower building. She said she saw three flying saucers hovering over Holy Cross College. She also has seen flying saucers in Winchendon, she said.

"I was told several years ago when I was in Holden that they had static on the radar," she said. "But they could get nothing else on the radar, no blips. . . . I think it's about time somebody explained why radar cannot locate those flying objects."

Donald Cherry, chief flight controller at Worcester Airport, said the airport control tower does not have radar.

"I'm not certain what she saw or reported to see," he said.

Cherry said there had been no reports to the airport about unidentified flying objects in connection with Mrs. Dion's sighting.

A U.S. Weather Service meteorologist at the airport said weather service radar did not record any objects during the time Mrs. Dion was observing the object over the Wyman-Gordon Co. plant.

"There is a UFO reporting center that is manned 24 hours a day," he said. "The number is 1-206-722-3000. If we can get these people to call when the sightings are fresh, then maybe they will be able to verify the sightings." (This is the number for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. Robert Gribble, staff member, said the organization accepted information of sightings and may even arrange for investigations if the evidence warrants.)

The meteorologist suggested that persons who see strange flying objects report the sightings to the state police.

A Wyman-Gordon Co. spokesman said no one at the plant reported sighting the object. She suggested that the object could have been a reflection of some sort.

Mrs. Dion, however, is convinced that she saw something out of the ordinary.

Mrs. Dion's sighting is only the latest in a string of sightings of flying saucers and other unidentified flying objects in Worcester County in recent years.

Last February, several persons reported seeing UFOs flying over Leominster, Fitchburg and Lunenburg. Police officials speculated that the people who reported the UFOs were actually witnessing military flight operations at nearby Fort Devens.

A Fort Devens public information officer, however, said that on the night of the sightings, there were no military operations or non-military flights at Fort Devens. The Fort Devens airport was closed that night, he said.

Strange Machine

On Jan. 5, 1979, a woman who called the state police in Sturbridge said she saw a strange machine hovering above the woods near Interchange 9 on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Strange flying objects also have been reported in Thompson, Conn., Marlboro, Webster and Gardner.

Local police will accept and check into reports of unidentified flying objects. But reports also may be made to several national organizations which have been formed to collect information about unidentified flying objects.

Some of those organizations are: Center for UFO Studies, 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

This organzation was founded by astronomer J. Allen Hynek, a former consultant to the Air Force who quit that assocation when he came to believe that UFO sightings were not being considered objectively.

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 3535 University Blvd. West, Suite 23, Kensington, Md., founded in 1956, is the oldest nationally significant group in the United States that investigates UFOs.

The Mutual UFO Network, 103 Old Towne Road, Seguin, Texas, publishes a regular bulletin on current sightings and has compiled a training manual for UFO investigators.